

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-SS-4-36-02

Issued at Kodiak, Alaska,
Monday, September 23, 2002

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m.,
Tuesday, September 24, 2002

Expiration Date: December 31, 2002,
unless superseded by subsequent emergency
order.

EXPLANATION:

This Emergency Order rescinds Emergency Order 2-SS-4-32-02 and opens streams flowing into Chiniak and Monashka bays above the Chiniak Highway, and above Bridge #1 on the Buskin River, to salmon fishing beginning Tuesday, September 24, 2002. Bag and possession limits for salmon 20 inches or longer are not affected by this Emergency Order, and remain at 5 per day/5 in possession, only two may be coho and only two may be sockeye. In addition, Pillar and Island Lake creeks are not affected by this Emergency Order and remain closed per regulation.

REGULATION:

5 AAC 64.022 WATERS; SEASONS; BAG, POSSESSION, AND SIZE LIMITS; AND SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR THE KODIAK AREA. are superceded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order the following provisions are effective:

5 AAC 64.022 WATERS; SEASONS; BAG, POSSESSION, AND SIZE LIMITS; AND SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR THE KODIAK AREA.

(b) (1) (A) All drainages on the Kodiak Road Zone from Monashka Creek to and including Chiniak Creek, but excluding the Buskin River and Kalsin Pond, upstream from the Chiniak Highway are open to sport fishing for salmon from September 24 through December 31, 2002.

(b) (1) (B) Buskin River drainage upstream of Bridge 1 is open to sport fishing for salmon from September 24 through December 31, 2002.

Frank Rue,
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Len Schwarz,
Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The coho salmon escapement at the Buskin River weir through Sunday, September 22, was more than 5,000 fish. Based on this weir count, the department projects that the minimum escapement goal of 6,000 to 9,000 coho salmon will be achieved.

The Buskin River weir serves as the major inseason index of coho escapement into Chiniak and Monashka bay streams. The increased coho escapement noted at the Buskin weir, as well as staff observations of increased escapement into other index streams, indicates that minimum escapement levels will be achieved in Chiniak and Monashka bay streams. Because minimum escapement levels have been assured, additional sport fishing opportunities are now justified.

DISTRIBUTION:

The distribution list for this emergency order is on file at the Region 2 Office of Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish, 333 Raspberry Road, Anchorage, AK 99518, (907) 267-2218; Alaska Department of Fish and Game Kodiak Area Office; and the Alaska Department of Public Safety Fish and Wildlife Protection Kodiak Office.